

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims ~~1-10~~, ~~12~~, ~~13~~, ~~18-27~~, ~~29-31~~, and ~~36-41~~, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims ~~11~~, ~~14-17~~, ~~28~~, ~~32-34~~, and ~~42~~, and add new Claims ~~43-53~~ to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

11. (Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

a) first communicating means, which conforms to a first communication system; and

b) second communicating means, which conforms to a second communication system different from the first communication system,

wherein said first communicating means receives first command data for controlling a predetermined function and said second communicating means receives second command data for controlling a same predetermined function as the first command data.

14. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said first communicating means conforms to an IEEE1394 standard.

15. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a RS-232C standard.

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16. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a RS-422 standard.

17. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a USB standard.

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28. (Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:
a) first communicating means, which conforms to a first communication system;

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b) second communicating means, which conforms to a second communication system different from said first communication system; and

c) control means for setting said second communicating means in an active mode when an external device is disconnected from said first communicating means.

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32. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 28,

wherein said first communicating means conforms to an IEEE1394 standard.

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33. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a RS-232C standard.

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34. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a RS-422 standard.

35. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a USB standard.

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32. (Amended) A method of controlling a communication apparatus that includes first communicating means, which conforms to a first communication system, and second communicating means, which conforms to a second communication system different from the first communication system, comprising:
a control step of setting the second communicating means in an active mode when an external device is disconnected from the first communicating means.

43. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising control means for setting said second communicating means in an active mode when an external device is disconnected from said first communicating means.

44. (New) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said control means sets said second communicating means in a passive mode when the external device is connected to said first communicating means.

45. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a USB standard.

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46. (New) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said control means sets said second communicating means in a passive mode when the external device is connected to said first communicating means.

47. (New) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said second communicating means conforms to a USB standard.